In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10 as follows:

Additionally or alternatively, account balances may be maintained by customers and debited at the completion of each fuelling transaction. These balances could be maintained, for example, on smart cards, or in computers integrated into or carried in customers' vehicles. A functionally equivalent debit system, from the customer's point of view, could comprise a prepaid card, presentment of which at the fuel dispenser 12 debits from the existing balance the total of the instant transaction. Such cards are presently sold for prepaid long distance telephone connect time and as gift certificates at retail stores, among other uses. Present cards are typically magnetic stripes, but could comprise any token upon or within which can be impressed a recognizable indicia (i.e., optical indicia, passive transponders, etc.) ~~such as that described in Serial No. _____ entitled "_____" herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~

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